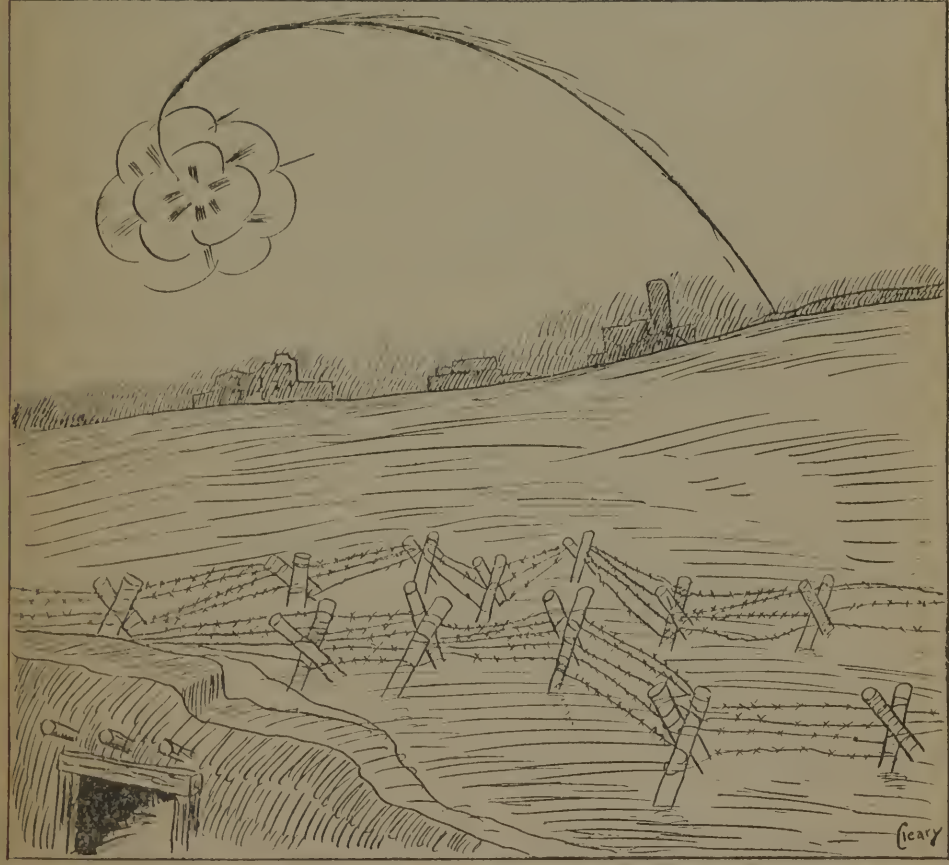


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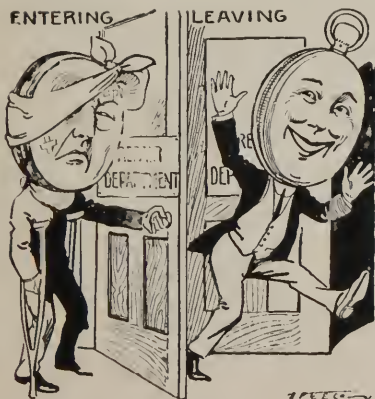
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## Sayings by Lincoln



O men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty.

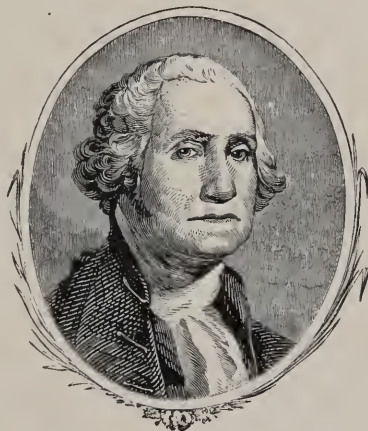
Let us have that faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us, to the end dare to do our duty, as we understand it.

Gold is good in its place; but living patriotic men are better than gold.

Stand fast to the Union and the old flag.

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it.

I hope peace will come soon and come to stay, and so come as to be worth the keeping in all future time.



## Sayings by Washington



NDERTAKE not what you cannot perform; but be careful to keep your promise.

Think before you speak; pronounce not imperfectly, nor bring out your words too hastily, but orderly and distinctly.

When another speaks, be attentive yourself, and disturb not the audience.

Speak no evil of the absent; it is unjust.

Be not too hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.

I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, that of an honest man.

True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity, before it is entitled to the appellation.



## Letter From Judge Orlady

Following is a letter received by one of our medical officers from Hon. George B. Orlady, an M. D. of long years ago and now President Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania  
Judges' Chambers

Philadelphia, January 24th, 1919

My dear Captain:-

The world has been whirling along at such a brain-storm pace the last four years that it is very hard to identify people and places. I know your location thoroughly, where the sky comes down and touches the ground two thousand feet above the sea level. But it is hard to understand that this area is now filled with oversea soldiers and heromen who have made fight for the country the whole world round. The revolutionary processes in medicine and surgery are as radical as the change from the old Somerset squirrel gun to the seventy-five mile gun at Gobain Forest, and you doctor people are doing the wizardry work of the world in reclaiming the American lads who have been saturated with Hun poison. We old fellows who couldn't get into the game are standing at attention, saluting you in the splendid work you are doing, and the magnificent Americanism your lads are developing to equip themselves for world usefulness when they regain health. The whole period of the war is such a tragedy, that we cannot measure the wonderful things your boys are doing until we get a nearer view of the aftermath of war.

As it now stands, your Hospital No. 17, and others based on like purpose over the country, are such denials of the traditions of the profession that history is re-writing itself. Dr. B. J. Lachner, of Camp Beauregard, was here the other day and detailed some

treatments of his initiative in the treatment of "flu" cases that greatly interested the ole Jeff graduates. The future of the world is safely committed to the care of you magicians, and we who are slipping down the sunset end are congratulating ourselves on being identified with the second and third crop of the "Gods of the Profession" of fifty years ago. The laddies under your care will not appreciate the wonderful services they are receiving until they get back to civilian life and hear their forbears tell of the wonders that have been wrought on them.

I congratulate all who are identified with "STAR SHELL", which is a most interesting and credible product. During my stay at Pittsburgh in April and May, I promise myself the pleasure of a visit without an invitation. Good luck attend you and yours,

Cordially yours,  
Geo. B. Orlady

Like the great man that he is—President Judge of the Superior Court of our proud State of Pennsylvania—modesty shows through his other virtues.

We thank Judge Orlady for his kind thoughts and expressions and we can assure him that nobody could visit Markleton who would be more welcome, and when he comes in April or May we shall turn out the house to receive him.

The Editor

In this letter the Judge enclosed the two following poems, the first of which we know well, written as it was by a Canadian, the brother of the Professor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia (where the Judge himself graduated), the second, not so well known but which we are proud of as an answer both because of its literary worth and the fact that it foretells just what our country did.

## IN FLANDER'S FIELD

Written during the second battle of Ypres, April, 1915  
by Lt. Col. John D. McCrae, who was killed while on  
duty in Flanders, Jan. 28, 1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow,  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our places; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
"We are the dead; short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunsets glow,  
Loved and were loved; and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe.  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields."

## AMERICA'S ANSWER

By R. W. Lillard  
The New York Evening Post

Rest ye in peace, ye Flanders dead.  
The fight that ye so bravely led  
We've taken up. And we will keep  
True faith with you who lie asleep  
With each a cross to mark his bed,  
And poppies blowing overhead,  
Where once his own life blood run red,  
So let your rest be sweet and deep  
In Flanders Fields.

Fear not that ye have died for naught,  
The torch ye threw to us we caught.  
Ten million hands will hold it high,  
And Freedom's light shall never die!  
We've learned the lesson that you taught  
In Flanders Fields.

Colonel Irving W. Rand, Medical Corps, U. S. A., Commanding Officer of the Base Hospital at Camp Travis, Texas, paid us a short visit on February 24th. In the afternoon he went through one of our numerous coal mines and his knowledge of the coal mining industry demonstrated the old adage that broad education is manifest no matter what the subject under discussion.

The visit proved only too short and we hope for the pleasure of a longer visit in the near future.

## A Letter from the Governor of Pennsylvania

It gives us great pleasure to print a letter from the new governor of Pennsylvania. For a man who is as busy as Governor Sproul is to take time to write an inspirational message to the men at this hospital, is to say the least, very complimentary. We all wish Governor Sproul a very successful term of office as chief executive of this great commonwealth.

Capt. James W. Wood,  
U. S. A. General Hospital No. 17,  
Markleton, Pennsylvania.

My dear Captain:

Nothing that I have received for a long time has afforded me as much pleasure as the copy of the STAR SHELL forwarded a week or so ago. I have read it with great interest, and I think it reflects great credit upon those who have made its publication possible.


I am glad for another reason, and that is that it is a product of the good old Keystone State. You may say to Captain Walsh that no man who served "The Colors" can presume so much on my acquaintance and friendship to become objectionable, because I am one American citizen who will always feel extremely grateful to the boys who "rallied 'round the Flag" and made it possible for civilization to continue unmolested by an uncivilized race masquerading under false pretenses. I gave the Army the only son I had, and while he has returned slightly the worse for wear, I only regret that I had but one son to give.

If I can be of any service to the boys in your hospital at this time, or in the future, feel at perfect liberty to command me, and believe me,

Very sincerely,  
Wm. C. Sproul

The highest praise for a man is to give him responsibility.

# An Achievement to be Proud of

 HERE is at present, a great storm of criticism in reference to the conduct of the war, sweeping over the country. Newspapers and magazines have thrown down the bars and are having their most scathing writers prepare copy stigmatizing with every form of anathema the government, and especially the war department. Congressmen, particularly the toadying politicians of the bunch, are beating the air with their fists, demanding an investigation. They think if they yell loud enough, their constituents back home will hear them. Even legislators in some states are trying to reach the public ear by occupying valuable time, heaping maledictions upon the inefficient methods employed in the conduct of the war.

There is an old saying: "He who can, does, he who can't, criticizes." Have you noticed that the ones who are doing the most criticizing are not the same ones who did the most work when the war was on? In other words, they belonged to that little group of people we called 'slackers.' It is an easy matter to find fault; it is quite a different matter to really settle down and work. In last week's *Leslie's* there were two contrasted editorials. One spoke of the Y. M. C. A. and of the criticism it has had lately. The writer says, with such a big organization, there was bound to be some mistakes. He then writes about the government and comments on the great amount of money that has been wasted and of the red-tape there was connected with getting anything done. He makes no excuse or allowance for mistakes.

The biggest job the United States has ever been called upon to do, has been done with dispatch. There was no time lost when we actually embarked upon the job of beating the Hun. Germany said we could not get men over-

seas. More than two million went over and Germany's submarines were powerless to stop them. It makes our hearts swell with pride when we look back over the past two years and see what our country has accomplished. Nothing like it has ever been done before in the history of the world. Generations to come will marvel at the way our entire nation united in a few weeks time, for its big task.

Now the war is over. A few calamity howlers are preaching waste, inefficiency, red tape. True, with the necessary expenditure of billions of dollars; it is common sense to believe some of that money would be wasted. How can that money be compared to the winning of the war? Which should we sacrifice, money or human lives?

The patriotism of the American soldier cannot for an instant be questioned. The experienced fighters in Europe were awed by the way in which our men fought. You may notice that the soldiers are not the ones who are criticizing. They are proud of their government's achievements. They are proud that they are privileged to wear the uniform that means so much. It is not fair to the soldiers to have wide swept criticism of the conduct of the war, because the soldiers made up the essential factor in the war.

When all the world is proclaiming the United States the greatest of nations; our soldiers, the bravest of men; our system of government an ideal form; why should we listen to the wailings of a few who have found some instances of poor management? These same vilifiers carefully avoid mentioning what the government accomplished. They see only the one side. They are like the man who was looking at a wonderful painting. Some one remarked about the beautiful picture, and he synically pointed to a chipped piece of the frame.

This was the nation's war; her sons



fought it. If there were mistakes made, the nation made them. The world will never forget how our brave soldiers came to the front, and put "pep" into the fighting in France. The world will soon forget the few who are criticizing those who did the job.

### New Red Cross Buildings

The American Red Cross has authorized that two recreation buildings be erected here—one for patients and the other for nurses. Both buildings are in process of erection now and will soon be completed. The building for the patient body is located east of the hospital in the direction of the railroad; the nurses' building is north of the hospital.

The Red Cross building for the patients is designed to form a Latin cross. It will be divided up into several rooms, one of which will be a sun parlor. The recreation room, the largest room of the building, is 30 ft. by 70 ft.; at one end a stage 30 ft. by 20 ft. will be built and a large open fireplace will be located in the center on the east side. The library will be in one end of the alcove. It is 17 ft. square and joins the large room. A retiring room, completely equipped, will be opposite the library also joining the recreation room. The stage, which will be complete in every way, will also serve as a sun parlor. The rooms will be finished in wainscoting and plaster-board. Wainscoting running up five feet, and the rest of the 18 foot wall and ceiling will be in plaster board finished with panel effect. The building will have a good floor so that it can be used for dancing. It will also be well lighted and heated.

The nurses' building is 35 by 50 feet with an eight foot porch. It will have a large recreation room a lounging room and a kitchenette. The building is to be finished in wainscoting and paneled plaster board and a large open fireplace will be built in the recreation room.

We are pleased with these buildings and know that both nurses and patients will take pleasure in the comforts they afford.

### Markleton's Beautiful

#### Ice Fields

"Beauty, it's own excuse for being." And such a sight as can be seen if one journeys up the tramway is a good excuse for the trip.

Anyone wishing to take this walk and having a desire to see the ice fields at their best must make the trip in the morning when the sun is very bright for then and then only can one see and feel the grandeur of the scene.

The scene is a natural beauty caused by an artificial blemish but the artificial part is so covered that only the natural remains. A water line is defective and as the diminutive geysers shoot up and break, they spray the surroundings and change them from their forms as sticks and stumps to pillars and peaks as white as alabaster.

One's attention is first drawn to the geyser with its spectrum, then it wanders to the great peaks and knobs of ice and then the icicles, some like stalactite and some like organ pipes, charm your eye. You can bathe the retina of the eye until it is saturated with the scene but you can never hold it all, for every wind that blows adds glory of a new kind to it.

### A Suggestion

As a matter of personal interest to members of this Hospital, I make this suggestion:— You can greatly aid in bringing about a more systematic method of handling the mails by including in your address; if a Corps man, the name of your Detachment or Corps; if a patient, the name of your ward; if you have rented a box at the office, your box number. This will enable your mail carrier to locate you more easily and thus eliminate any causes for delay in receiving your mails.

Signed,

John B. Vough, Postmaster

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## The Star Shell

The STAR SHELL is published for the benefit of everybody at the post. Its object is to be of service. Below are some of the things the STAR SHELL attempts to do.

- 1 Publish hospital news.
  - 2 Give timely jokes of local interest.
  - 3 Give information that everyone at the hospital is interested in.
  - 4 To afford something everybody may send home to relatives and friends.
- When complete files are kept, it will become a souvenir men will be proud of in later life.

In other words we want the STAR SHELL to be a real live, up-to-date publication—as good if not better than any published at any other hospital in the country. We want you to help us. Any ward notes, jokes or stories will be gladly received.

## Our Flag

It was very noticeable a few nights ago when the American Flag was thrown on the screen at the picture show. The spontaneous cheering proved that the men at this hospital are still real soldiers having a high regard for our national emblem. Every true American's heart beats a little faster

when he comes face to face with the flag that means so much.

It is true that there is a noticeable "letting down" on the part of civilians. There is not the response accorded our national anthem when played in theatres and other public places, that there was a few months ago. Even at this hospital we have noticed people are not so much interested in the welfare of the patients as they were previous to the signing of the armistice. Regardless of this it is our duty as soldiers to be real soldiers as long as we wear the uniform. No man can hold his self respect and do otherwise.

## A Word of Praise

On another page of this magazine we publish a letter from a former patient at this hospital, Sergt. Edwin P. Shore. We are glad to receive this letter, because it shows a spirit of appreciation that is not often expressed. Most of us are too busy with our own affairs or too indifferent to the feelings of others to take time to say "Thank you." In the name of the hospital we thank Sergt. Shore for his thoughtfulness and we trust he will become a very successful man in civil life.

## How Hath the Mighty Fallen

Time was, when there lived in Markleton a mighty knight, known from Pinkerton to Casselman for his ability as a pool shark. An unknown knight of a dark horse color by chance strayed this way. It so happened the mighty knight met the unknown in a well lighted room, around the pool table, as the knights of old gathered about the table round.

The sight of the green cloth with the vary colored balls awakened the spirit of combat in the unconquered knight. Little did he dream that the same sight awakened the call of the wild in the unknown.

The mighty knight at once called to his assistance a knight of well known strength and ability. With little ado

the unknown knight called for a volunteer to assist in the unequal combat. A lover of the green table sport immediately came to his assistance.

Weapons were chosen with care, and the international rules of combat were to be adhered to. No articles of the Hague Convention were to be violated. Secure in his ability and prowess, the mighty knight aimed carefully and broke the glistening ivory balls. The battle waged fiercely for a time. The unconquered hero confident of his ability and with recollection of his former successful battles in mind, attempted at first to win without assistance. He was soon compelled to call for help. His trusty aid overwhelmed by certain defeat, and dazzled to such an extent that he could not distinguish numbers, failed him in his time of need. The battle raged on, and the heat of the atmosphere became so great, that everyone was glad the boilers were still a will o' the wisp.

Every point was contested; even the least foul was the source of much controversy. As the battle progressed the field of Camelot became still and oppressive. Nothing could be heard excepting the cracking of the balls and the replacing of balls wrongly played.

Realizing the precarious position in which he was placed, the mighty knight, facing defeat, carefully studied each shot by shading his eyes, with face stern and drawn, pacing uneasily to and fro, maintaining an unusual silence, and bending low over the table. All his efforts proved futile. Slowly but surely he was forced to acknowledge defeat.

Moral: Pride goeth before a fall.

### The "Count" Says

It is a good thing that some workmen we know had nothing to do with building the tower of Babel. It would probably be ready for use about now.

Some men are fond of their better halves, but I like my quarters.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my friends for the way in which they have received my few remarks. The fact that I am still alive is proof that my sayings have been received in the right spirit. If any children around the hospital make bright remarks, I would appreciate receiving them for my column. The "Count."

Moon-struck non-com, standing on bridge: "Doesn't the old Casselman roar and groan as it goes on forever?"

Practical damsel: "You would roar and groan too if you were being rolled over as many rocks as that water must roll."

If someone could take a moving picture of some of the vociferous talkers around here, his fortune would be made.

### Nurses' Items

The Bungalow was the place of a delightful afternoon tea last week. Miss Margaret Barnett had the nurses and a few friends as her guests and entertained them in a charming manner. All had their sewing and after they had plied a few stitches they began to play games. Several amusing contests were held and the small captain went down to defeat. The victors were rewarded with a large Devil's-food cake—a box of chocolates was given as a consolation prize. After the games, delicious refreshments were served. It was an afternoon of pleasure for everyone.

A little party was held for the nurses in their reception room to eat the prize cake that was won the day before. Hot chocolate was served with the cake and the combination made a toothsome repast.

'Tis better to love your C— N— than to be caught by her loving some one else.

We want to know what kind of shoe polish Capt. We— uses!

## Officers Notes

1st Lieutenant F. Jay Marshall has been added to the medical staff here in charge of the dental work. Lieut. Marshall has been working at several posts. He came here from Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh. Before going to Pittsburgh he served at Camp Devens, Mass., and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Capt. Fowler, who has been an instructor in the Carnegie Institute of Technology, at Pittsburgh, was sent to the hospital last week.

Lieutenant Stewart who has been on the examining board at Ft. Thomas, Ky. has been transferred to this hospital. Lieut. Stewart is ward surgeon on the North Ward.

Capt. and Mrs. Pillow returned recently from a visit to Tennessee.

Captains Walsh, Wood, Sylvester and Wehenkle attended a meeting of the Fayette County Medical Society on the night of Feb. 6. Captain Walsh read a paper before the Society.

Capt. Leckert and Lieut. Gould spent Sunday in Pittsburgh.

Lieutenant Powell visited Uniontown last week.

Captain Thompson made a trip to Washington last week.

Capt. Rosensohn spent the week end in Pittsburgh last week.

## Detachment News

Mrs. Boyd and Miss Berger visited the Hospital last week. They visited every department and were pleased with the spirit of the institution.

Pvt. Wm. Coler has returned to duty after spending an eight day furlough at his home in Marion, Ohio.

Pvt. R. Stevenson, of Hosp. No. 16, New Haven, Conn. visited his old friends at this place one day last week. 'Steve' was among the fellows who were transferred from here last Oct. He told us all about the "old bunch".

If Pvt. Pete Nalbhone had to pronounce the name of his town many times while he was home on a ten day furlough, he couldn't have had much time for visiting his friends. He lives at Punxsutawney.

Sickness in the family called Sergt. G. Booth to his home at Kenova, W. Va. for a few days.

Corp. M. Ostheimer is enjoying a seven day pass in New York City.

Pvt. Warren Swift was discharged from the service and left for his home in Denver, Colo., Feb. 12. After a visit at home he expects to come back to the East and practice dentistry in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Pvt. P. C. VanNatta is on furlough at his home in Sadelia, Mo.

Last Friday afternoon several of the detachment men went to Meyersdale and attended the Firemen's Show and Dance that evening. The Meyersdale orchestra furnished music for both the show and dance. The fellows all report a "swell" time.

Corp. A. T. Sidehamer is again to be seen among his friends. He is not back to duty as yet. For the past couple of months "Andy" has been confined to the Hospital with a severe attack of pneumonia. We are all glad to see him out again.

Pvt. Thomas Mullens left Tuesday for his home in Lorado, W. Va. where he intends to spend his 30 day sick leave. "Little Tommy" was admitted to the Hospital with the "Flu" the latter part of October. It has been but a short time that he has been able to be about. We all wish you a very enjoyable time at home "Tommy."



## Major VanVliet visits Hospital

During the last week in January the Hospital received a thorough inspection by Major VanVliet of the Inspector General's Department. The inspection was not medical, but to see if required Army and War Department regulations are consistently carried out, and to inspect and verify all army funds. Major VanVliet said, "All the Hospitals I have inspected are suffering from inconveniences because construction work is in progress and all share the hardships of partially completed buildings. General Hospital No. 17 is as good as any Hospital I have visited during this tour and better than most of them."

The required complaint conferences were held and an average number of men interviewed the Major. Discharges from the army was the common topics presented for consideration, which represents the normal tendency at this time. All Inspectors make similar reports and the War Department is endeavoring to take care of this situation. Other problems presented were such as are peculiar to the local institution.

Major VanVliet is a graduate of the United States Army Military Academy at West Point, class of 1913. He holds the rank of Major in the Infantry and has been in the Inspector General's Department only a short time, having been detailed to that work at the beginning of this year. The army life of Major VanVliet has been interesting, tho he was not fortunate enough to be sent to France. He was along the Mexican border during the trouble there, and for the past three years has been stationed in China. He wears three silver chevrons on his coat which only indicate he was not in the theatre of operations, altho he was out of the country during all of the war.

Major VanVliet was thoroughly interested in every thing, and enthusiastic about many things. His visit was a pleasure and his suggestions will prove an aid. We hope to see him here again.

## Detachment Dope

Pvt. French H. DePue was discharged from the army at this post and left for his home in Reedy, W. Va., Feb. 1st.

Pvt. Charles Estep's three day pass to Logan, W. Va. must have been of more importance than he at first expected. He wired in and got t— days extension.

Our friend Pvt. Joseph Godt, detachment tailor, "sews 'em up" again after having spent seven days in Bronx, N. Y.

Pvt. Vernon Whitney was granted a ten day extension on his furlough which he is spending at his home in Ia.

Pvt. Frank Sprint has been transferred to the Reconstruction Division of the Medical Department, at this place. For the past five months Sprint has been a patient in this hospital.

The Q. M. Corps of this post, were honored the first of the month by the transfer of two of our M. D. men, namely Sergt. R. E. Moss and Pvt. G. H. Vivion.

Who was Corp. Noon visiting in Fairmont, W. Va., for 3 days last week?

Corp. Robinson returned from furlough a few days ago and reports having had a most splendid stay at his home in Minneapolis, Minn. We say "his home" but we are inclined to think it was "her's."

Secty. Raymond Vosburgh of the Y. M. C. A. returned this week from a ten day furlough. Mr. Vosburgh visited his home town, Rochester, N. Y., and reports having had a thoroughly good time.

Pvt's. Edward Unwin and Joe Kieran of the Motor Transport Corps, were transferred to this post for duty, the first of the month, from Camp Meade, Md. Sergt. Booth now has a young army of his own.



## Letter From a Former Patient

Markleton, Pa.

Jan. 30, 1919

As I am leaving this hospital on an S. C. D. Discharge I would like to say a few words as to my treatment here. Have been a patient here for three months and in all that time have had the most courteous treatment from the officers, nurses, and enlisted men. Especially do I want to comment on the treatment of Captain Sylvester, Miss Geesey and Miss Head. No soldier could receive better treatment anywhere than that which I have received from the above mentioned Staff. Also the food is of the best and any soldier may well consider himself lucky to be here for treatment. It makes one feel as though he would "do it all over again" to get back to old 17.

Edwin P. Shore

Sergt. 1st Cl., M. D.

## The Corps Men's Dance

The American Red Cross has met every demand placed upon it in an efficient manner; so when the Cumberland Branch was asked to furnish partners for a dance here, it was done in a manner true to every tradition.

Friday night the Hospital had a very delightful party when a group of Cumberland girls came here and danced with the detachment boys. The dance was a success in every respect as all our guests were versed in the art, and the orchestra was exceptionally fine.

The evening began with a lunch served to the girls upon their arrival. This was soon over and everyone was in condition for a merry time.

At an early hour the music was heard and soon couples gracefully glided across the hall. As the music continued, others danced forth until the hall was a mass of happy people. The dance went on until the girls were compelled to leave to get their train. Everybody thought the occasion was all too short.

Mrs. S. P. Hanley, Mrs. Anna Mc-

Cleave and Dr. Tibbets chaperoned the party and expressed themselves as being highly pleased with our Hospital.

The music for the dance was furnished by Keferle's Orchestra of Connelville. Its music was a theme of universal admiration.

## The O. D. Reports

Sir: I beg leave to make the following official report of conditions existent and non-existent at this institution. In the capacity of O. D. I have fulfilled my duties as becomes a true soldier (Salutes)

1. All is quiet on the Casselman.
2. The bugler, by mistake selected the wrong horn. Instead of blowing taps, he sounded mess call.
3. Recommend that a submarine be requisitioned to carry passengers to the garage and picture show.
4. Found some very good looking boys in the guard house. Ordered them released at once and some construction civilians put in their places.
5. Five men went A. W. O. L. without permission. Recommend that they be given pass so they will not commit such an offence again.
6. Found the officer's library closed at eight p. m. It was still closed at nine p. m. with a chair against the door. Pushed it open, and found---(deleted by the censor)
7. Strongly recommend that the Post Exchange be closed to men certain hours during the day so that the female population of our institution be permitted to visit it.
8. Two trains passed east and one west during the last twenty-four hours. On these three occasions I called the roll and found only five men absent from an observation post. I sent an orderly and found the men were absent on account of boiler trouble. Recommend that this not occur again.

## A Tribute to Lieut. Henry F. Schantz

The Army Train rolls by "ker slap",  
And off steps "Doctor Schantz,"

And as we too ride on, mayhap  
We wonder what mischance  
E'er booked US on the Army Train,  
And where our ticket ends,  
And is the line side-track or main,  
As on, our journey wends.

We thought we heard our country's call,  
And came from sigh and tear,  
But as we don't quite know it all,  
We ask, "How came HE here?"

Up promptly spoke Old Reading Town,  
Said she to Uncle Sam:  
"I'll do my part up good and brown,  
That's the kind of a town I am."

The Medical Corps will be hard pressed  
Before this war is fought;  
There are so many sore distressed  
And doctors overwrought,  
You surely need some one to be  
The 'Mulum in Parvo,'  
Some one to make the eyes to see,  
To make the noses blow.

"To treat each pretty nurse's throat,  
And every soldier's ear,  
Of Reveille they'll miss no note,  
And Schuster's bugle hear.  
Now I will send to you a chap,  
Who all these stunts can do,  
And with good nature stop each gap,  
And smile each trouble thru."

So Reading town has done us brown,  
In sending Henry Schantz,  
And he'll return with hero's crown,  
While maidens sing and dance.  
And since he well has fixed our eyes,  
And widely ope'd our ears,  
He thus does now soliloquise,  
While past are hopes and fears.

"I've read of the wisdom of Soloman,  
I've read of David's sin,  
We fought the fight at Markleton,  
And now I'm gathered in,  
But when it comes to women,  
I don't see how 'twas done,  
For Soloman had seven hundred  
And I can't manage one.

## General Orders No. 9

WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, January 14, 1919

Order of the Secretary of War.—The following order of the Secretary of War is published to the Army for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Through hearty cooperation and discipline of the officers and men of the Army the country has acquired a new respect for the uniform. You men have maintained your high standards, not only by soldierly conduct in the camps and bravery in the trenches, but in your regard for civilian ideals when on leave or furlough, and in this you have established a record new to all armies. I confidently expect you to maintain your standards throughout the trying days of demobilization, when the tendency to throw off Army discipline and restraints will be strong. I am counting on you by your own acts and by your influence to keep up the record of which you and I and our whole country are so proud.

NEWTON D. BAKER,  
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